

MANCHESTER PARKS FOUNDATION

BOARD MEETING January 05, 2009

Present: Sharon Hughes, Betty Smith, Ellen Frey, Ellen Rugemer, Marcia Bogash, Donna Davis, Elsie McCleary

Volunteer: Tom Smith

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Rugemer at North Carroll Library at 7:07 PM.

Minutes: from November were approved as read and recorded.

Treasurer Report: was approved and entered into the record.

Web Page...No report

Naturalist: No report

Public Relations: Stephen Israel will be speaking at North Carroll Library at 7:00 PM on April 6th. The Nature Center will provide refreshments and will have information about Pine Valley Park and the Nature Center. Topic: "Carroll County Archaeology: Stories of the Past".

The Committee that was formed to study the enlargement of the Nature Center Building has been removed per Chairperson Ellen Rugemer.

Election of Officers:

8 Ballots were cast as follows:

Chairperson: Sharon Hughes

Treasurer: Ellen Rugemer

Board Positions: Elsie McCleary, Ellen Frey, Ed Poe

Sharon Hughes handed out duties of each office, and Board members' duties. She also passed out a key list for all locks at Nature Center.

Programs:

Easter Egg Hunt: will be held on April 4 with rain date of April 11. Scouts will be asked to volunteer and help control parking and crowd. Eggs will be increased to 2000. Egg stuffing will be on March 28th at 10:00 AM. There will be one prize egg in each age group. Ellen Frey will purchase prizes and Ellen Rugemer will purchase candy.

Spring Fest: to be held May 3rd.

Crafts: Ellen Rugemer

Music: Thursday's Reign: Elsie McCleary will contact

Smokey Bear and Hike: Donna Davis
Food: Ellen Frey and Betty Smith
Bird Feeders: Maryanne Turner
Guided Tour of Park to learn points of interest and trails: Ellen Rugemer
Archaeology display: Marcia to call Stephen Israel
Community Info and PR: Marcia Bogash
Band will be asked to pull Door Prizes number to be set at another meeting.
Volunteers to receive a \$2.00 coupon for food.
Donna Davis to contact Paul Kazyak.

Fishing Derby: Elsie McCleary reported that the business that has supplied the prizes is having financial problems and will not be able to do so this year. We might need to charge a fee to cover prizes. Mickey will check other resources.

Facilities:

Pond Concerns: Maryland Fisheries Service Brian Snyder, Mark Staley or Charlie Gougeon to be contacted to ID growth in Pond. Center will get recommendations and then go to Town for permission. Donna Davis will arrange to meet with the ID people. She also has names to contact for chemical applications.

Betty Smith posed the questions: What is the Pond for? What plants do not belong? What should be added?

The Cattails were pulled because they were weakening the banks.

Trails: Tom Smith reported that 5 trees came down in the wind storm. All trails have been cleared by Tom. All trees in Memory Grove were mulched. Tom is gathering the bulky stuff for the Town to remove.

Old Business:

Ellen Rugemer met with Wayne Thomas about Ebb Valley pathway. She wants Steve Miller to be involved and contacted. Ebb Valley PTO should be invited to our meeting to discuss this issue. Betty Smith will contact Ebb Valley about this meeting.

Speaker System: Ellen Rugemer has called Long Electric but they have not followed up. Board agreed that Ellen should purchase a system.

New Business:

Follow up need to be done on certificates for donations.

A telescope has been donated to the Nature Center.

Sharon Hughes will contact the Town about swearing in ceremony.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 35 PM.

Marcia L. Bogash, Secretary